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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA - ALTERNATE RAIL AND PORT LINKS:

NON-USE OF RICHARDS BAY

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1. RHODESIAN SUNDAY MAIL APRIL 4 CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH RICHARDS BAY PORT DIRECTOR, BEN LOMBARD, WHO REPORTEDLY SAID HE CANNOT SEE RICHARDS BAY HANDLING RHODESIAN CARGO FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

2. PRESENT COAL HANDLING FACILITIES FULLY TAKEN UP BY SOUTH AFRICA HE SAID ALTHOUGH PRESENT BULK HANDLING EQUIPMENT WOULD BE PROGRESSIVELY EXPANDED. NO MENTION EVER MADE, LOMBARD SAID, ABOUT MOVEMENT RHODESIAN CARGO IN OR OUT OF PORT.

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EM EMPHASIZING HE WAS SPEAKING NON-POLITICALLY, HE SAID
RHODESIAN CARGO COULD BE HANDLED THROUGH OTHER SOUTH
AFRICAN PORTS NOTING DURBAN, BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC SLUMP, HAD
EXCESS CAPACITY. SAID IN ANY CASE RHODESIAN CARGO THROUGH
DURBAN WAS INSIGNIFICANT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. AS RICHARDS BAY IS GRADUALLY
EXPANDED OTHER POSTS, ESPECIALLY DURBAN, WILL HAVE INCREAS-
INGLY AVAILABLE CAPACITY FOR RHODESIAN CARGOES SHOULD
POLITICAL DECISION TO THIS EFFECT BE MADE. END LIMITED
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